

Q: This is oral history 417. The following oral history interview was conducted by Captain Marshal Hanson [ph?] USNR, Karen Burn [ph?] of the Park Service Department, and Chief David Jarvis [ph?] USNR. And this was done for the National Park Service and the Naval Historical Center in support of the USS Arizona Memorial at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu on December 6th, 2001 at 1600 hours. The person being interviewed is Everett A. Malcolm who was an ensign on the USS Arizona on December 7th, 1941. Is that correct, Sir?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Correct.

Q: For the record could you please state your full name, place of birth, and birth date?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Everett Allen Malcolm, born in Maxwell, New Mexico, 1917- April 18, 1917.

Q: What did you consider your hometown in 1941?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I guess initially uh.. Raton, New Mexico. It's where I was reared, went to school. I went to high school.

Q: What were your parents' names?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Everett- Everett-- Earnest Everett Malcolm, and Loren L-O-R-E-N, not A-U-N [ph?], Mercier M-E-R-C-I-E-R Allen.

Q: Where did you go to high school?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Raton, New Mexico.

Q: Okay, where and why did you enlist?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I didn't enlist. I was appointed to the Naval Academy.

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Q: Good point. So what year did you enter the Naval Academy?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Nineteen thirty-seven, summer of 1937.

Q: So you graduated in the spring of 1941?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Not spring, February '41. They jumped it up three months because of the war in Europe. We graduated exactly ten months before Pearl Harbor.

Q: And when you got out of school in February where were your first set of orders to?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Arizona.

Q: The Arizona. And what billet did you fill when you arrived?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I was a uh.. assigned the uh.. turret two as a JO Officer. Jim Dare [ph?] class of '39 was a Turret Of- Division Officer, Second Division.

Q: So you were turret two?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Beg your pardon?

Q: Which turret?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, turret two

Q: Turret number two?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, but I had turret-

Q: As a JO Officer.

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Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah.

Q: And what was your specific duties in that turret?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I uh.. was number two in command of the division and I carried out the directives of Jim Dare, the Division Officer. Had uh.. a lot of contact, more than I expected with the uh.. with the crew.

Q: How large was your division?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I'm trying to think. I think it was somewhere-somewhere around 148 or 150 people.

Q: One hundred and forty-eight to one hundred and fifty people. In support of you, how many uh.. chiefs did you have in that division?

Everett Allen Malcolm: We only had one chief as I recall, and that was a chief of ch in the- in the ordinance [ph?] hardware. We didn't have a chief in the deck crew. We had a first _____. I was trying to remember his name last night, but I think his name was Pace [ph?] who uh.. enlisted d- uh.. LSU in 1930- in 1937, the second year at LSU and he had gotten married his sophomore or junior year. Reached the point where he could no longer attend school and keep the family together so he- he enlisted in 1937 from LSU.

Q: Okay, now was your division broken up into subgroups?

Everett Allen Malcolm: No it was- it was just a flat deck division. We were, all we were doing was we had to go with the turret and the housekeeping and the spaces assigned the second division, so.

Q: Basically you had the responsibility from the ready rooms all the way up to the turret for a section of the ship?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah well that- that was- that was- that was co- I guess cooped by the division officer and myself. We shared those duties. I know I had to inspect the uh.. projectile uh.. ringer about every two or three

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days, make sure it was operable, completely operable. And aside from the
turret captain uh.. who's name I- I can't remember for my life, he was about a
28 year-old veteran of- of big gunnery, and had been the chief turret captain
in that division I think for six or seven years alone, the- the chief turret
captain. So it was- he was a- he was the heart and soul of that uh.. that
gunnery aspect of the division.

Q: Now as an officer, when you went to general quarters, what was your
responsibility?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I was Assistant Turret Officer.

Q: And what type of duties did that entail?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well it en- entailed uh.. the occasionally I would be
on the perisc- I mean the- the uh.. sights we had these large, I can't even
think of the name of them now. But anyhow the uh.. uh.. say for the range of
the guns of the 14 inch, 45 caliber weapons. And I shared those duties with
the uh.. with Jim Dare who was the turret officer and I had a routine I had to
follow a check-off list and report to him the result of the check-off list main
general quarters. And I don't remember too many details now this- this long
ago but uh.. to me it's been so long ago I just forgotten the check-off list that
we ran down every- every time we went to general quarters in practice.

Q: Now my understanding is the khaki uniform had just come about in the
Navy. Was this the uniform you tended to wear aboard ship?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, we wore that universally.

Q: Universally.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah. That the uh.. after that shortly after I came
aboard, I think I reported aboard sometime in March, March 18th, March 20th
and by summer we were wearing khaki in lieu of whites. Boy it was a
blessing.

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Q: My understanding though is that Admiral Kimmel [ph?] didn't like the khaki uniforms so if you went to the club or you went ashore you still had to switch over to your dress whites.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yes, that's true, we couldn't leave the ship uh.. on liberty with that- that uniform. We had to be in the whites.

Q: Now were you allowed to wear civilian clothes off the ship or did you have to keep-

Everett Allen Malcolm: Oh sure, sure. You could wear what-- well I lived the JO bunkroom and that was a pretty wild place. First battle [ph?] of the ship was best dressed except for shoes. C- could hardly share shoes. But uh.. uh.. we had- we could leave mufti, leave the ship in mufti and- and I had a girlfriend that uh.. whose father was a was the supply officer of the shipyard, and they lived over <inaudible> Valley and so they allowed me to keep a suit up there for purpose in case I was caught ashore and had a social- social event coming up. I always had a suit to fall back on the shore.

Q: How many people were in your bunkroom?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I think we had 18, about 18 ensigns. Boy being in a two-man room is a real- a real accomplishment. I had- I had just achieved that about two weeks before Pearl Harbor.

Q: And what type of seniority system enabled you to move from boys town into a two-man stateroom?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well uh.. class standing, graduation.

Q: So it was done strictly on seniority.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, strictly on seniority.

Q: So as the bunk opened up they'd say who the next senior officer was?

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Everett Allen Malcolm: Yep.

Q: Move them.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yep. And that uh.. there was, yeah, there was seniority involving the reserve officers who came aboard on active duty. They had- they were depending on the length of time they had served in the ROTC they achieved seniority in that- in that respect, and I remember the when I went to the hospital two weeks before Pearl Harbor to have a gland removed from my thigh uh.. the.. boy that succeeded me in the two-man, two-man room was uh.. reserve officer named uh.. Jones. I forgot his first name. He was from Louisiana and uh.. he occupied it for two weeks and then when I got back to shore from the hospital I couldn't find him anywhere so I threw him out of my room. That was a real achievement to be in a two-man room.

Q: So you bumped him back out because you moved in, huh?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well, I uh.. I was detached from the hospital the Saturday before on December 6th when the Arizona came back in from- from weekly exercises. By the time I got aboard ship it was noon and I first checked the senior watch house to see which watch I had coming up in the upcoming duty section because I was in the forced [ph?] duty section. I was very proud of being in uh.. an O.D. [ph?] in port and uh.. he told me forget about it because he'd taken me off the rotation. He picked me up at Fort Ace [ph?] when the duty section came around again, so I uh.. went up to JO bunkroom to find out where- where everybody was and most of them had gone to shore at noon which was allowed when you're in port you were in the liberty section you can leave the ship at noon on Saturday. And uh.. I remember I couldn't- couldn't find Jones because he had already gone ashore and so I couldn't- couldn't <laughs> had no right to disenchant him by- I mean disenfranchising him by taking his clothes out and moving mine in so I was pretty disgusted and I went back to shore at noon and uh.. that's- the rest is history.

Q: So the ship came in was it Friday or Saturday morning?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I don't remember. I think it came in- came in uh.. Saturday morning.

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Q: And then you had checked out of the hospital.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, I checked out of the hospital. I had a right to go back there and sleep Saturday night if I- if I needed to.

Q: So because you couldn't find Jones, you went back to shore.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well after I found out I wasn't on the watch section.

Q: After you found out you weren't on the watch section.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, yeah. My- my section had the duty that weekend, or that Saturday I should say. Because it but uh.. Chief Masterson [ph?] who was- who was the uh.. senior watch officer had taken me off the duty list so he would pick me up the next time around. So I was free to go ashore.

Q: So- so when you went ashore on that Saturday what did you do in the afternoon and evening?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I was a little ticked because I everything had fallen apart, and uh.. the girl I was- the girl I was going with Marion Schaffer [ph?], whose father I say was the supply officer at the shipyard, uh.. I called her up and wanted to know if we played golf, played a lot of golf out Ala Wai [ph?] Golf Course, and uh.. I called her to- she didn't expect to hear from me because she knew I was going back on board. She knew I had duty section, and called her up and asked her if uh.. she had any plans. She hadn't so we played around, we played nine holes of golf at the Ala Wai golf course that afternoon, and uh.. we- they lived up on the valley at that time off Wooden [ph?] Street and we played golf and drove back up the _____ Valley and Marion had a call from a girl named Helen Jane Puckett [ph?] who was the daughter of the supply officer of the Arizona, and she they were announcing an engagement party for her in honor of her engagement <clears throat> and uh.. one couple couldn't make it. There were three couples in the affair taking place, and uh.. they had a cancellation to the one couple because he was Executive Officer to destroyer and I don't remember which destroyer, which was _____ Saratoga didn't come in that weekend. So they and- they couldn't make the party so Helen Jane asked Marion if she- if we- if we

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could- if we'd like to- like to attend. Yes, automatic yes. So I guess we- that
was quite a party at the Officer's Club. I guess uh.. we left there about oh
about 11:45 or 12:00, some time along in there.

Q: This was the Officer's Club on Ford Island?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah- no, no, no, no. Not Ford Island. Base Officer's
Club, Mary's Point [ph?] Landing.

Q: Okay.

Everett Allen Malcolm: I can't even find Mary's Pont Landing anymore. It's
all been changed, but uh.. uh.. at any rate we- I drove her well, she- she
provided the car, but we drove back up _____ Valley and it was probably
12:30 when we arrived at her home and uh.. there was- her father had
previously been supply officer of the Arizona and the- and there was also a
bachelor living up just two blocks from the Schaffers whose uh.. name was
Emerson [ph?], Captain Emerson. He was a dental officer. He'd been Dental
Officer on the Arizona the same time that uh.. Captain Schaffer had been uh..
Supply Officer. He was a bachelor. He had duties in practically embassy
[ph?] of importance of the world. A great guy, a bachelor. And he said
anytime <choking up>. I hate that. Sorry.

Q: Well, it's a very emotional moment. But please carry on. You were the
doctor basically said any time you needed a place to stay.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, any- any time you needed a bunkroom just
follow him- follow open the door and follow the first bed vacant, it was vacant
so they only lived about two blocks from the Schaffers and uh.. I left
Schaffers too late to catch a cab down to YMCA and had to ride out to Pearl
Harbor and catch the last boat to the Arizona, so I rolled in and- and uh..
found an empty bunk. There were three other guys there. Uh.. one of them
was from the Arizona, two of them from the Oklahoma. I knew them all and
uh.. we uh.. Peter said, you know, "Hi kid, grab yourself a drink. Come in and
join the fun." And there was a lot of and <inaudible> one custom was to sit
on the deck and use the coffee table to hold your drink and uh.. I sat down
and discovered they were talking about immediate, 14 immediate causes of
World War I and that was a subject we had dealt very heavily in the last- first

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past [ph?] year, the last uh.. three months. Fourteen immediate causes of World War I and of course having two classmates there I think that- that helped the discussion and uh.. that was probably about probably lasted about 12:30 they got up and came back to Pearl Harbor and I stayed in the bunkroom with Peter, and uh.. next morning there was a loud pounding on the door at street level because it was a two level house. And I uh.. dining room, kitchen, the living room were down lower deck the bedrooms were the upper deck and the street level. And there was this banging on the door. My bedroom matter of fact opened out into it and- and I couldn't imagine what was going on and I opened the door and it was put a bathrobe on and hear are Marion and her mother, you know, eyes like this. And the duty officer of the supply department uh.. supply department had a tower and had overlooked the entire harbor. And right adjacent- right adjacent to Hickam Field. And uh.. uh.. he was up in working around in the tower when he saw them attack Hickam Field next door, so his order was if anything unusual happened he was supposed to call Schaffer, Captain Schaffer because well he was Commander Schaffer at that point because he was Executive Officer of the Supply Department. So that- that was- that prompted him to call Commander Schaffer and report that looked like Hickam Field was being bombed and he couldn't- he couldn't identify those planes at that point. He didn't know, but all he knew was that there was bombarding going on- on the airfield at Hickam Field, so uh.. Marion's mother was up with- with Commander Schaffer and uh.. Marion was still in bed I think so she rustled- rustled Marion out of bed and they came over. It was about a block and a half apart and uh.. pounded on the door and she said Pearl Harbor was under attack. And just uh.. <choking up> I'll never forget the wild look in their eye. And uh.. Peter Emerson was sleeping on the same level. He was a funny, very clever guy, very dry wit. Humor had a great sense of humor. He came in-in my bedroom. He said "What is this ugly rumor I hear these women spreading about Pearl Harbor being under attack?" and he strode over and- and pulled the curtain back. Well we were high enough up on the valley on Wood Street where we could see _____ I'm trying to think of the heights over which we looked to see the- see the uh.. anti aircraft puffs, and I still don't- I still can't remember the name of it. I- I thought it was Saint Louis Heights but not Saint Louis Heights. Whatever the name of that ridge is inhabited- inhabited on the uh.. I guess the west side of the _____ Valley. So anyhow uh.. we- we got dressed as fast as we could and he had a- Peter had a new 110 Cadillac. I remember this uh.. real sporty car, '49 model-- '41 model, and let me drive, and uh.. we and caught very little traffic, took the back road in very little traffic but we got pretty close to Pearl Harbor and Peter reached over and rattled my leg a little bit. He said "For- for heaven's sake, kid, slow down

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a little bit." He said "If we're gonna get killed, let's wait until we get to Pearl Harbor." So I'd never forget that.

Q: So you got to the base.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, I got-

Q: What type of security did you find at the gate when you arrived?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well the- it was- it was- they had firearms at the gate, had pistols, but uh.. there wasn't any- there wasn't any unusual security took place. Was just ordinary routine secure that the Marines had at the main gate. And uh..

Q: So did they wave you through on to the base?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, waved me on through the base so I- I drove down and parked in front of the Officer's Club Mary's Point Landing. That's where we all the boats came in the ships and the- I caught an Arizona boat I guess about 10, 15 minutes after I arrived, and I think the second wave- the second wave of the attack was taking place because they were strafing everything in sight and uh.. I could see the- the Arizona had s- something had happened to the Arizona because her berth was just covered with black smoke. And uh.. so the nearer we got- got to the Arizona berth more I could see she was- she was burning and I just you can't imagine the shock. So uhm.. I couldn't get aboard the Arizona but I got aboard the vessel which is alongside the- the uh.. Arizona for _____ overhaul and I think in retrospect, just as an aside, I think one- one reason that so many men died on the Arizona <choked up>-

Q: Take a moment, that's okay.

Everett Allen Malcolm: But I found out later that there was a rumor when the Arizona came in that the yard [ph?] tender [ph?] uh.. was to prepare the Arizona for a trip back to Long Beach for Christmas because all the families were based in Long Beach and that was the home port before they shipped to Pearl. So everybody who had liberty practically everybody who had liberty

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stayed aboard save money and get- get ready for the trip back to the States,
back to Long Beach and uh.. again as I say that was the reason so many
killed because _____. They just uh.. very few took- took liberty. But
anyhow uh.. Captain Kasson [ph?] Young was the skipper of the vessel at that
time and uh.. he later- he was later killed in charge of the San Juan, I think it
was the San Juan, he was Commanding Officer of the San Juan in Battle of the
Surgow [ph?] Straits Nowan Surgow [ph?] Straits, that was Philippines, uh..
well it's north of- north of Guadalcanal. It was north of the Straits. Uh.. where
the Japanese made the midnight- made the midnight run on Guadalcanal.
Yeah, he was uh.. the skipper and he assigned me- I had my civilian clothes
he assigned me to f- to firefighting detail so I fought the firefighters or the fire
fight in my civilian clothes and uh.. there was a name fellow the name of
Turkey Edwards as I remember it but one of my shipmates corrected me
yesterday. He said it wasn't Turkey Edwards. It was a name similar to that but
he was Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate. He had gotten across on the vessel
and uh.. he chopped the two inch Hauser [ph?] loose fr- from- from the stern
of the vessel disengaged the ship where there was so much fire then tops of
the vessel were on fire just because there was, you know there was
tremendous tension on that cable because the Arizona had sunk and- and the
bow was probably uh.. probably 18, 20 feet below the normal, normal level
and- and uh.. how- how the cable remained didn't pull the Stanchion out I'll
never- I'll never know but anyhow he chopped that two inch Hauser with the
fire ax and that- that enabled Captain Kasson Young to get the uh.. uh.. ship
free of the Arizona because she'd taken AP bomb in the en- engineering
spaces it was like a 22-caliber shot through the piece of paper and she was
taking on water real fast and he wanted to get away from there. Didn't want
her to sink in the harbor, the middle of the harbor so this is the they broke-
she broke the vessel loose, he broke the vessel loose. He headed toward the
uh.. Aeia Landing and he beached her at Aeia Landing and I remained on
board oh I guess two hours until they sent a boat back to shore and I got to-
to take that off because, well I hadn't performed any duties anyhow so he
said to send me back over to the receiving station. That was where
everybody sent all those people who didn't- hadn't gotten back on board
ship. And I was assigned, I think I got back aboard back to the receiving
station about somewhere around nine-thirty or ten o'clock. And they assigned
me to a machine gun nest which they said on Mary's Point because you
know, there was a rumor of la- of Japanese landing at that time and they uh..
they were afraid that uh.. that there was a landing force in the rear of the
Japanese navy guard so uh.. uh.. they assigned me a machine gun nest at
Mary's Point Landing, me and three other guys, so we spent the night uh.. the
machine gun nest. I don't think well I think one or two guys we- we managed

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change around, there were three of us, and the guy got one of them got a
little drowsy well he dropped accuracy of the ship.

Q: Going back to your earlier comment. You talked about how you were in the
machine gun nest on the night of the seventh.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, on the night of the seventh.

Q: That's the same night that the planes came in from the Enterprise.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yep. Boy there was firefight. We just there- there
well from both Ford Island and the main part of the shipyard, they shot down
I think they shot down eight or nine ships and I do- I don't remember whether
they were all from the Saratoga or whether there was another carrier
involved, but I think they- they shot down at least 65 or 70 percent of the
airplanes that came in. L- tried to land Ford Island that night. That's my
recollection of it.

Q: Did you participate from your machine gun nest or were you too far
removed?

Everett Allen Malcolm: We were too far removed. Uh.. we were at the sub
base end of Mary's Point Landing, and uh.. that was where they- they
expected resistance from Aeia heights and uh.. we were- we were not in the
direct line of decent for the ships co- planes coming in from- from uh.. see
the Saratoga.

Q: The story is told that everybody fired on them so at least you-

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, everybody all the ships were still afloat. And
there were most of the machine's on fire. I don't remember my recollection is
there wasn't any five-inch anti aircraft fire at all. And I suspect that was
because uh.. they couldn't uh.. with the gun mounts it would have been the
gun mounts had been the firing and they weren't uh.. quick enough to
change Azimuth with the five-inch mazda [ph?] would be the machine guns.

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Q: Now you indicated that the following day on the eighth you were assigned to the intelligence office?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah 14th Naval that's intelligence.

Q: Can you tell us something about your duties there?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well we stood watches. We uh.. everybody manned the post during the day but we split the night with nine [ph?] watches, and uh.. we had our disposal of Marine attachment uh.. headed by Diamond, Jack Diamond, famous old Marine Corps Sergeant, and he- he w- he managed to get a uh.. it was about a platoon of Marines every time we get a report of firing o- there- there was a lot- a lot of gun firing going on in the Aeia part of the island at that point. And uh.. every time that report fired on that neighborhood Jack Diamond grab his Marines platoon of Marines and head out there and try to find out what the problem was with they never did try to track down the uh.. find anybody guilty that had the machine gun fire that went on uh.. went on three nights, three or four nights after the seventh of Pearl harbor. Uh.. and it was right uh.. I guess Waikiki side of uh.. Red Hill the Red Hill ammunition team, I mean petroleum depot. There's where it seemed to emanate. That's where all the controversy took place but we never did during the daylight they'd search the area up there and never find any source of- source of the fire.

Q: Now when you were doing this duty where were you billeted since the Arizona was not available?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well as it turned out uhm.. Schaffers moved into quarters of Makalapa about the ninth of December and uh.. I had been sleeping over at the receiving station and uh.. when uh.. they moved in with those giant quarters up on Makalapa uh.. they had three- three bedrooms and they asked me if I'd like to stay up there. And uh.. only one answer to that so that was where I spent the rest of the time I was at Pearl Harbor. I was a guest up there.

Q: Now we're out of tape. We'll take another break and I have a follow up question. Tape is faster than the batter.

Q: We were talking about where you stayed following the attack and the changes that you made. The last we knew you were fighting fires in your civilian clothes and obviously your personal items were still on the Arizona. At what point did they issue you more uniforms?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I forgot but I know I recovered all my stuff from the Arizona because my cruise box [ph?] I went back aboard ship when I reported at noon and was under the ladder to the officer's quarters. Of course it was submerged. I got all my uniforms all s- s- salt-water soaked.

Q: Salt-water soaked?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, I tried to uh.. tried to resurrect my blues but uh.. gold was all tarnished green so I had to throw the uniforms-- matter of fact I remember the only thing I retrieved that I recovered wasn't harmed in any way was a coin box I had in my cruise box. I had ran a bunch of pennies and dimes and quarters and so on and so forth. I recovered those. No change in the condition of those things but everything else was ruined.

Q: So when you worked over at the 14th district at the Intel office, had somebody provided you with uniforms then?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, we- we- they- I uh.. they had I remember we- we where- where the clothing issue took place but we were issued three sets of khakis and that was all- that was all they had. I mean all we needed and uh.. I remember the rest of the time I spent at Pearl Harbor wore those three little- three sets of khakis.

Q: Now did you continue working at the 14th Naval District or did you get reassigned later?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I was uh.. assigned a new construction. I don't remember the exact date but I didn't get away- ge- get out until about the middle of February but I was saying the construction detail of the uh.. Indian-

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USS Indiana, Newport News Virginia. I was in a pre-commissioning detail of that ship.

Q: You were a plank owner honor.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Plank owner yeah, Marine plank owner.

Q: And where was she constructed?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Newport News, Virginia.

Q: So you basically caught a ship back to the U.S. and crossed to Virginia?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah all transportation between Pearl Harbor and the mainland was by ship and uh.. I forgot even forgot the name of the transport.

Q: Now did you go through the Panama Canal or cross country by train?

Everett Allen Malcolm: No we cross country by train. Yeah, got to see my family en route. And uh.. I can remember arriving in San Francisco and boy San Francisco was really still in a this was in February, some time in February. They were nervous cats on a hot tin roof.

Q: A lot of tension in San Francisco 60 days later.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, San Francisco three months later.

Q: Okay. Now is this your first visit back to Hawaii since the war?

Everett Allen Malcolm: No I was- I had uh.. I was stationed out here in 1958 and '59 I think. I transferred to the supply corps [ph?] after the war was over because uh.. the indication that I had unsatisfactory eyes. That was a real anomaly. I had deficient eyes and I stood- stood OD [ph?] watches until I got senior enough that I took over CIC [ph?] and I had very poor eyesight, and of

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course during the war you need the best eyesight you got on the bridge. I
had deficient eyesight and after the war my prospects were being transferred
to the reserve because of my- my eyesight, so I elected to go into in the
supply corps.

Q: Did you complete your career on active duty?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, I did. Yeah I transferred supply corps
immediately after the war and all my billets there afterwards were on supply
details.

Q: So what rank did you retire?

Everett Allen Malcolm: I retired as Commander in 1962.

Q: Now when you returned to Pearl you said that was in the '50s?

Everett Allen Malcolm: '58, '59 I think was approximate days I was back
here. I was the uh.. uh.. Navy sent me to the University of Pittsburgh uh..
School of Engineering in 1956, 1955, '56 and I took a master's degree in
petroleum engineering so thereafter all my- my uh.. billets were petroleum
billets.

Q: Now did the Navy have a supply school like they do in Athens today?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Oh yeah, they had a supply course.

Q: You went through that as well.

Everett Allen Malcolm: I went through that as well. I we- I didn't go through
that until 1946 or 1947 I've forgotten which.

Q: When you returned to Pearl Harbor how did you feel when you got back
and saw Ford Island and the base?

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Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I uh.. it brought back a lot of memories of course, and I and first time I came back and I don't remember the exact date but it seemed to me there wasn't much change had taken place in the harbor itself. I came back here for duty in '58, '59 I think there had been a profound change. There seemed to be much more growth around Ford Island than I had recalled. And everything else, well just the general condition of Pearl Harbor itself had changed. And when I came back for duty with the spy department I was the- pat- I was the uh.. officer in charge of fu- oil- fuel depot and it's uh.. Red Hill for two, I guess two and a half years of those here. But this- this is about the fourth or fifth time I've seen Pearl since the war and it's uh.. I'm completely disoriented. I can't pick out a landmark.

Q: Have you been out to the Arizona Memorial?

Everett Allen Malcolm: No I haven't yet but- but uh.. we were close by yesterday. We had a tour- tour group that I'm in had- had a day on the uh.. Missouri.

Q: Are you planning to go out there tomorrow?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Oh sure, I'll be out there crack of dawn. Six I'll be out there. I have call in at the hotel for six o'clock and I think the first boat out is six thirty and then we're invited to a brunch by the Admiral shipyard, I mean the- the I guess he's- he's Commander of Naval Forces at Pearl Harbor and that's his title.

Q: Okay which Admiral?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Talbot.

Q: Talbot.

Everett Allen Malcolm: He's having a brunch immediately after the uh.. service aboard- aboard the Arizona and that will last until about 10:30 and then we're going to pack up and go over and meet the next wave- wave of uh.. people going to the memorial, Arizona memorial. The families and so forth. There are just I think there's only 18 of us at this particular- particular

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meeting and uh.. I think I was told there would be 22 but I turns out there's
only 18 or 19 of us and there are a couple of those in wheelchairs.

Q: Karen, you had some questions?

Q: What do you think that will be like when you go out there tomorrow? Is it
going to bring back lots of memories for you?

Q: It will be a challenge but it's something that you're up for, right?

Everett Allen Malcolm: <choked up> It's going to be hard.

Q: Chief do you have any question?

Q: Sir, you were reassigned the day after the attack to another unit. How did
the Navy know you were still alive?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well which part of the Navy?

Q: I mean well you survived the Arizona. Was there a central gathering point
of taking names of who-

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah well that was the uh.. so called tr-- there's a
receiving station now. It was a receiving station then. Because all- all the
survivors e- everybody who didn't have a ship or didn't have uh.. wasn't
attached to a command reported survivors at the receiving station which is
where we bunked for I don't know about the other people but uh.. well I
bunked until the Schaffers moved in up to makalapa.

Q: So word got to you that you would be brought to the receiving station to
_____?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well they had- they had uh.. a they had set up a
desk for the survivors and uh.. you reported the survivors' desk to who you
were and what ship you were on and that was the extent of it.

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Q: Were you surprised how fast you were reassigned by the process?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well no I wasn't surprised at all because uh.. you know there's still work to be done even after the shipyard and all the rumors about possible invasion. You know they put everybody to work. Uhm.. sure that everybody was assigned a detail of some kind or another by the end of uh.. that morning or by the end of that day.

Q: I got the same response from other people.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah.

Q: And the other question is you had mentioned earlier but it was not taped what was the factor you think got you assigned to the USS Arizona?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I- I- I think really I was assigned there to take Allen Jaffe's [ph?] place to coach the Arizona football team. You know secondary- secondary duty.

Q: You mentioned you had played football at the Academy.

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah, yep, three years of varsity football and uh.. matter of fact I'll just divert a minute but I- I was I played in three Army Navy football games. We won the last two and I was lucky enough to make that last touchdown and beat them in 1940- 1940.

Q: Congratulations.

Everett Allen Malcolm: So I had a- I had a good, well I- I was kind of a funny situation. I- I was first string played first string for two years, my junior and first class year and the second game of the season against William and Mary I dislocated my shoulder and broke three ribs. That was the second game of the season. And of course uh.. the doctor's reaction "Turn your suit in." You know you don't want any he thought I was through but I didn't turn my suit in and I did miss a practice but I didn't _____ any prac- _____ I did, I missed the first week of practice because I had the- had my arm in a sling and I couldn't uh.. couldn't go out first week but after the first week I uh.. I

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put my pad- put my pants on and my shirt, I put the pads on and I had kept my legs in shape and uh.. I made all the trips and helped Keith Mullsworth [ph?] who was the assistant coach, backfield coach and the uh.. booth for- for the uh.. high watch we had on the game. I was his assistant up in the booth calling plays and, you know, analyzing certain things that were happening on the football field but uh.. I think after the first week I didn't miss a practice. I made all- all the trips and the doctor cleared me on Thanks- the day before Thanksgiving uh.. ten days before the Army Navy game cleared me for go back and play and I- I turned- turned out on a- I guess it was Friday after Thanksgiving when he- when he freed me and I reported out there in pads. First time I'd ever been in pads since the second game. Swede Larson was our coach and uh.. I was a little late because I had a hard time getting my- getting my togs on. You know that long layoff and I was probably a little late and they were going over the generalities of the football meeting and uh.. just in general terms and Swede Larson turned around and I was late- late for the sit-down we had at the beginning of every session. Swede Larson turned around and says "Oh there comes old Sinbad the Sailor" so I acquired a nickname that long layoff but uh.. but anyhow uh.. they- we had two scrimmages remaining before the Army Navy football game. And I was fresh and ready to go and my poor shipmates boy they were beaten down physically. I mean season of football really takes its toll and I had a real hot practice two days in succession so that following week which was last week before the practice for the Army Navy game I was back on the first string and played the- played practically the entire game.

Q: Now you had said that you think the reason you were transferred to the Arizona was to not replace or to assist Allen Jaffe?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I think I would have been his assistant the first year but the second year, that would have been his last year on the Arizona and but the second year I think the responsibility would have been mine.

Q: Now you arrived at the Arizona in March of '41?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well somewhere around March, February, February or March but I don't really remember exactly when it took place because uh.. transport, I can't think of the name of the transport. Uh.. they were on regular schedule and- and we had to time where released our orders they had to time our arrival with the availability of the transport.

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Q: When was the football season for the Navy's leagues? Was it a late summer or was it a fall season?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well no it uh.. it was the fall season. We would have started practice in July, but uh.. in the meantime war clouds were looming and uh.. the uh.. the I think they canceled football- football competition sometime in July and that's u- that's normally when the football season would have started.

Q: So no football in 1944.

Everett Allen Malcolm: So no, no they canceled it entirely.

Q: Okay. Karen do you have any more questions?

Q: Just one, is today the first time you've talked about your experiences at Pearl Harbor?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah.

Q: Today?

Everett Allen Malcolm: No well ye- yesterday or the day before on the- on the Missouri I was intercepted by an ABC man out there. That's the only two times I've talked about it.

Q: So for 60 years you really never really talked about it?

Everett Allen Malcolm: Well I wouldn't say I never talked about it, but very rarely because uh.. you know it was history and I wasn't in an environment that invited it so there hadn't been any there was no- no- no chance for that type of relationship with anybody.

Q: Does it help to talk about it? Does it make you feel better?

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Everett Allen Malcolm: Yeah.

Q: Good.

Q: Well we thank you for sharing your experience with us. And we also thank you for the service that you gave to this country.

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